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TAGS: OVIP (AGHA SHAHI), UN, PK  
SUBJECT: APPOINTMENT OF PAKISTAN'S FOREIGN MINISTER WITH THE  
SECRETARY

REF: STATE 71554

1. THE SECRETARY MAY WISH TO RAISE THE FOLLOWING SUBJECTS  
WITH AGHA SHAHI DURING MARCH 23 MEETING.

---BHUTTO CLEMENCY-WE BELIEVE AMBASSADOR'S DEMARCHE TO  
FOREIGN SECRETARY SHAHNAWAZ (ISLAMABAD 2704) SHOULD  
BE REINFORCED BY SECRETARY. IF ISSUE IS NOT RAISED, PAKS  
COULD QUESTION DEGREE OF OUR INTEREST IN COMMUTATION OF  
SENTENCE. (DISCUSSION COULD ALSO PROVIDE OPPORTUNITY FOR  
PROBING AGHA SHAHI'S VIEWS ON POLITICAL SITUATION IN  
PAKISTAN FOLLOWING BHUTTO VERDICT.)

---INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS-WE ASSUME SHAHI WOULD APPRECIATE  
FILL-IN BY SECRETARY ON US VIEWS ON EVENTS IN MIDDLE EAST,  
HORN OF AFRICA, AND INDIAN OCEAN TALKS.

---RELATIONS IN SUBCONTINENT-GOP HAS CONTINUED EFFORTS  
TO IMPROVE RELATIONS WITH NEIGHBORS, SPECIAFICALLY INDIA  
AND AFGHANISTAN, AND WE SUGGEST SECRETARY CONGRATULATE  
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SHAHI ON STEPS TAKEN SO FAR AND REITERATE OUR SUPPORT  
FOR THE PROCESS. SHAHI WILL VISIT DELHI BEGINNING APRIL 10,  
AND SECRETARY COULD ENQUIRE AS TO WHAT PAK SIDE HOPES TO  
ACHIEVE DURING THE TALKS. (GOP HAS ALREADY ANNOUNCED  
THAT SALAL DAM NEGOTIATIONS WILL BE PURSUED.)

---NARCOTICS- WE ALSO SUGGEST SECRETARY RAISE THE

NARCOTICS ISSUE WITH SHAHI. NOW IS APPROPRIATE TIME FOR  
EXPRESSION OF HIGH-LEVEL INTEREST, ESPECIALLY CONSIDERING  
OUR OUTSTANDING REQUEST TO GOP THAT IT MOVE AGAINST HEROIN  
LABS IN TRIBAL AREAS.

2. SHAHI MAY RAISE FOLLOWING TOPICS WITH THE SECRETARY.

---REPROCESSING-IF SHAHI DOES RAISE THIS ISSUE, WE  
EXPECT HE WILL REPEAT FAMILIAR GOP LINE THAT GOVERNMENT  
CANNOT BACK-DOWN FROM AGREEMENT AND ASK FOR USG UNDER-  
STANDING. IT WOULD BE INTERESTING TO HAVE SHAHI'S VIEWS  
ON HOW DISCUSSIONS WITH FRENCH ARE PROCEEDING.

---ZIA TO THE STATES-WE HAVE NOTED (ISLAMABAD 2761)  
POSSIBILITY THAT ZIA MAY VISIT THE STATES TO ATTEND  
SPECIAL SESSION ON DISARMAMENT (SSOD). SHAHI MAY TAKE  
OPPORTUNITY TO INFORM SECRETARY OF ZIA'S INTEREST AND TO  
REQUEST APPOINTMENT FOR ZIA TO SEE THE PRESIDENT.

---MILITARY SALES-WE HAVE NO MAJOR OUTSTANDING  
IRRITANTS IN OUR MILITARY SUPPLY RELATIONSHIP. SALES  
ARE SEVERELY CIRCUMSCRIBED BY GOP FINANCIAL STRINGENCIES.  
ONE POSSIBLE PURCHASE SHAHI MAY RAISE IS STALLED PAK  
REQUEST FOR TWO ADDITIONAL GEARING CLASS DESTROYERS. HE  
MAY ALSO ASK USG VIEWS ON POSSIBLE INDIAN PURCHASE OF DPSA.

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---DEBT- THERE IS SLIGHT POSSIBILITY SHAHI WILL RAISE  
PAK INTEREST IN DEBT RESCHEDULING AND ASK US TO MODERATE  
OUR POSITION. WE ARE SENDING SEPTTEL WITH SOME THOUGHTS  
ON RESCHEDULING ISSUE.

---USAID FREEZE-THERE IS ONLY SLIGHT CHANCE SHAHI  
MAY RAISE FREEZE ON NEW AID DISBURSEMENTS, AND THEN IT  
WOULD PROBABLY BE ONLY IN CONTEXT OF REPROCESSING.

--APPOINTMENT WITH BRZEZINSKI-UNLESS APPOINTMENT  
HAS ALREADY BEEN SET AND SHAHI NOTIFIED BEFOREHAND,  
SHAHI CAN BE EXPECTED TO MENTION HIS DESIRE TO MEET WITH  
NATIONAL SECURITY ASSISTANT BRZEZINSKI DURING HIS WASH-  
INGTON VISIT.  
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